



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Limb Loss Awareness Month

WHEREAS, there are approximately 2 million Americans living with limb loss/difference; and

WHEREAS, more than 500 people lose a limb each day in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 1,000 babies are born each year in the United States with congenital limb difference; and

WHEREAS, studies show 75 percent of limb loss is preventable; and

WHEREAS, diabetes and peripheral vascular disease are the leading causes of limb loss; and

WHEREAS, the number of amputations per day will double by the year 2050 unless a major public awareness campaign is launched and key prevention initiatives put in place; and

WHEREAS, the Amputee Coalition provides education, outreach, advocacy, and a Limb Loss Information Center for the benefit of persons with limb loss/difference, their families, and health care providers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim April, 2012 to be Limb Loss Awareness Month and encourage all its citizens to join me recognizing the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 12th day of March, 2012

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State